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SUBJ: US ROMANIAN LONG-TERM ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT:
ARTICLE I (3)

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1. DURING DISCUSSION

TODAY WITH AMBASSADOR ON LONG-TERM
AGREEMENT, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PATAN INDICATED HIS AGREE-
MENT WITH SLIGHTLY MODIFIED USNVERSION OF ARTICLE 1 (3).
AGREEMENT FOLLOWED SHIFT IN ROMANIAN ARGUMENT AWAY FROM
CENTRAL ISSUE OF MFN TREATMENT TO LARGELY PERIPHERAL QUESTION
OF TREATMENT ACCORDED GOODS PRODUCED UNDER COOPERATION
ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ARE NEITHER PRESENTLY PRODUCED NOR TRADED
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

2.VL ON BASIS OF SHIFT IN ROMANIAN EMPHASIS TOWARD APPARENTLY
TANGENTIAL NON-ISSUE DURING PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY
EMBASSY HRPARED MINOR MODIFICATION TO OUR EXISTING TEXTRA
FOR SESSION

TODAY TO MAKE EXPLICIT THAT EQUIVALENT TREATMENT
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WE WOULD APPLY TO GOODS PRODUCED UNDER COOPERATION ARRANGE-

MENTS EXTENDS NOT ONLY TO GOODS PRESENTLY PRODUCED BUT TO THOSE PRODUCED IN FUTURE. IN RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL ROMANIANS SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONSCRO AVOID AMBIGUIZH GCJUNEXMANIAN TRANSLATION, BUT WHICH LEFT BASIC NOTION IN TACT.

3. DRAFT OF REVISED ARTICLE I (3) ON WHICH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REACHED IS AS FOLLOWS: EACH PARTY SHALL ACCORD TO IMPORTS OF GOODS PRODUCED UNDER COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS IN THE TERRITORY OF THE OTHER PARTY THE SAME TREATMENT AS THE IMPORTS OF OTHER LIKE GOODS PRODUCED OR WHICH WILL BE PRODUCED THERE. THIS TREATMENT SHALL BE THAT PROVIDED IN THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE RELATIONS OF APRIL 2, 1975 FOR THE PERIOD THAT AGREEMENT REMAINS IN FORCE, OR AS MAY OTHERWISE BE PROVIDED BY APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

4. EMBASSY ADDED PHRASE "FOR THE PERIOD THAT AGREEMENT REMAINS IN FORCE" IN LIGHT OF ROMANIAN CLAIMS THAT THEY PERFECTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT OMN WAS LINKED TO PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF TRADE AGREEMENT. WE FELT IT WORTHWHILE TO TEST THESE PROTESTATIONS, RECOGNIZING THAT PHRASE IN AND OF ITSELF ADDS NOTHING AND COULD READILY HAVE BEEN DROPPED HAD ROMANIANS OBJECTED. NO OBJECTION WAS MADE, AND WE WOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE TO RETAIN.

5. ACTION REQUESTED
M ASSUMING CONCERNED WASHINGTON AGENCIES AGREE TO MODIFICATION OF TEXT, WE WILL PRESENT IT AGAIN TO ROMANIANS AND SEEK FORMAL CONFIRMATION OF THE AGREE CLANGUAGE.
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